

## Route 20 Study, Windsor Locks Technical Advisory Committee Meeting #3 Draft Meeting Notes May 31, 2023, 12:00pm Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

On April 11, 2023, the Route 20 Transportation and Land Use Study (the Study) third Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams with Windsor locks representatives, CRCOG staff, CTDOT project team. This meeting was focused on the draft Future Conditions Presentation and discussion on findings. A list of meeting attendees are included for reference.

## **Discussion Items**

- 1. The meeting began with CRCOG providing a brief opening statement on the Study by Pramod Pandey from CRCOG followed by a presentation by the Study Team.
  - a. Tighe & Bond presented the study approach, study process, revised study vision statement, and future roadways and traffic assessment.
  - b. VHB presented an overview of existing and future pedestrian, bicycle, and transit infrastructure needs and deficiencies.
  - c. RKG presented an overview of the market analysis and potential development scenario.
  - d. Tighe & Bond then presented the future traffic conditions with development and impacts to transportation network. The study schedule and upcoming meetings were then conveyed.
- 2. An open discussion was then held to gain insight and feedback from the attendees on the Future Conditions Assessment. The following list details the discussion and a general summary of the discussion:
  - a. Kevin Tedesco, CTDOT, asked if the traffic volumes consider an increase in air to truck traffic. Craig Yannes, Tighe & Bond, responded by saying any air to ground traffic volumes that impact study intersections should be captured in the background traffic growth. The 25-30% traffic volume growth that is projected is likely conservative as the area has not seen significant traffic growth in the past 20 years. Kevin mentioned that CAA may increase its ability to handle more air freight in the future. Craig responded that the Bradley Airport Master Plan was discussed with CAA with potential for more air cargo and freight facilities possible. It was identified that some of these potential sites would access Route 20 expressway directly from the airport property and thus not have a significant impact to the study area peak hour traffic volumes.
  - b. Molly Guyer, CAA, asked if only the weekday morning and afternoon peak periods were reviewed, noting the peak hours used in the study may be different than the airport peak hours, which are typically between 3 AM and 6 AM for the morning and early evening to later evening for the afternoon. Craig

- responded that traffic volumes throughout the day were reviewed within the study area using collected and historical volume data. He added there may be multiple peaks for certain uses in the study area, however, the periods with the highest cumulative traffic volumes were between the hours of 7 to 9 AM and 4 to 6 PM during the weekday morning and afternoon peak hours, respectively.
- c. Jennifer Valentino, Town of Windsor Locks, Director of Planning & Development, asked for clarification on the total square footage for potential warehouse space. Craig clarified that the potential warehouse space size should be 225,000 square feet. Jennifer also noted that there is a missing footnote in the Town zoning code that allows for development with five stories and/or 60 feet within the Business-1 zone. Craig mentioned that the study team will look to make zoning recommendations to support the Town's development vision as part of the development management plan that will be created as part of the study.
- d. Craig closed the presentation with an overview of the project schedule, next steps for the Study, and reminded the group that the next few meetings will be held in person. Finally, he requested any comments on the Existing and Future Technical Memorandums be sent by the end of June. Pramod provided closing comments.

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